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SUBJECT: FORMAL GOG REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING
EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATIONS

1. (SBU) This is communication of a formal request by the
Government of Guyana (GoG) for information relating to
applications for export licenses.

2. (SBU) Begin text of letter:

Ms. Karen Williams
Charge d'Affaires
Embassy of the United States of America
Duke Street
Kingston

Dear Ms. Williams,

Please see attached Press Release by the Ministry of Home
Affairs.

In this regard, I would like to formally request the US
Authorities to provide me with a record of all applications
made by the Government of Guyana for export licenses for
restricted items during the period 2000-2006.

Yours sincerely,

Clement J. Rohee
Minister

End text of letter.

3. (SBU) Begin text of attached Press Release:

The Ministry of Home Affairs rejects outright the claim being
repeated in the Media that the Government of Guyana
authorized the importation by the Roger Khan outfit of the
sensitive piece of electronic equipment seized by the Joint
Services.

The U.S.A., like most developed countries, has strict export
controls on the sale/export of such items.

In Guyana, such sensitive electronic items could only be
procured and imported for the exclusive use of Law
Enforcement Agencies.

Such a request by the Law Enforcement Agencies of Guyana
would have to be approved by the relevant authorities before
an application is made by the Government of Guyana to the
relevant American Authorities for approval for the item to be

exported to Guyana.

The Ministry of Home Affairs asserts that it did not authorize the importation of the electronic equipment under question nor did it seek any approval of the U.S. Authorities for an export licence for the item.

In the context of the above, the Ministry of Home Affairs has since requested the American Authorities to provide it with the records of all such applications made by the Government of Guyana during the period of the operations of the Roger Khan outfit.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
JUNE 9, 2008

End text of press release.
Campbell